

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 8, line 1, through page 9, line 14, as follows.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the present invention, a non-aqueous suspension includes solid particles, liquid polyalkylene glycol, and a suspension stabilizer of a hydrogenated castor oil or wax. The non-aqueous suspension includes the solid particles in an amount between about 0.1 and about 75 percent by weight of the suspension, the liquid polyalkylene glycol in an amount between about 24 and about 99.8 percent by weight of the suspension, and the suspension stabilizer in an amount between about 0.1 and about 5.0 percent by weight of the suspension. The non-aqueous suspension may further include one or more of the following additive materials: proppants, antifoaming agents, surfactants, corrosion inhibitors, pH buffers, and preservatives.

The liquid polyalkylene glycol includes polyethylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, ethylene oxide propylene oxide block copolymers, and mixtures thereof. The liquid polyalkylene glycol may include between about 0.1 and 4% by weight of the polyalkylene glycol of a thickener including partially neutralized polyacrylic acid, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl guar, fumed silica, hydrophobic silica, and mixtures thereof.

The solid particles include non-polymeric particles that are either inorganic particles or organic particles. The inorganic particles include boron compounds; alkaline earth peroxides; magnesium peroxide or calcium peroxide; iron oxide; calcium aluminate, calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, calcium oxide, magnesium oxide, calcium hydroxide and magnesium hydroxide and mixtures thereof; and siliceous or ceramic particles. The organic particles include gilsonite; lignosulfonates and the sodium, potassium, ammonium, calcium and magnesium salts thereof; and ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and the salts thereof. The particles further include fertilizers selected from the group consisting of potassium nitrate, ammonium dihydrogenphosphate, ammonium nitrate, sodium nitrate ammonium phosphate, ammonium polyphosphate, potassium hydrogen phosphate, disodium hydrogen phosphate, urea, and mixtures thereof. The particles still further include pesticides selected from the group consisting of boric

acid, butocarboxime, acephate (O,S,-dimethyl acetylphosphoramidothioate), dimethoate, dimehypo (disodium salt of dihydrogen S,S'-(2-dimethylaminotrimethylene)di(thiosulfate)), vamidothion (O,O-dimethyl S-2-(1-methylcarbamoylethylthio)ethyl phosphorothioate), methomyl (S-methyl (EZ)-N-(methylcarbamoyloxy)thioacetamide) and mixtures thereof. The particles even further include herbicides selected from the group consisting of dalapon (2,2 dichloropropionic acid, sodium salt) ammonium sulfamate (2,2-dichloropropionic acid (2,2 dichloropropionic acid, sodium salt) ammonium sulfamate), dicamba (3,6-dichloro-o-anisic acid), cacodylic acid, fomesafen (5-(2-chloro- α , α , α -trifluoro-p-tolyloxy)-N-methylsulfonyl-2-nitrobenzamide); glyphosate (N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine) and mixtures thereof. The particles yet further include fungicides selected from the group consisting of copper sulfate, fosetyl-Al aluminum tris (O-ethyl phosphonate) (ethyl hydrogen phosphonate aluminum tris (O-ethyl phosphonate)), benalaxyl (methyl N-phenylacetyl-N-2, 6-xylyl-DL-alaninate), guazatine (iminoctadine ($C_{18}H_{41}N_7$)), kasugamycin (1L-1,3,4/2,5,6-1-deoxy-2,3,4,5,6- pentahydroxycyclohexyloxy 2-amino-2,3,4,6-tetradeoxy-4-(α -iminoglycino)- α -D-arabino-hexopyranoside) and mixtures thereof.

In a method of formulating a non-aqueous suspension, solid particles from about 0.1 to about 75% suspension weight and a hydrogenated castor wax or oil from about 0.1 to about 5.0% suspension weight are dispersed into from about 24 to about 99.8% suspension weight of liquid polyalkylene glycol. The solid particles, hydrogenated castor wax or oil, and liquid polyalkylene glycol are mixed until the solid particles are uniformly dispersed in the liquid polyalkylene glycol and the non-aqueous suspension is a pourable or pumpable liquid that achieves a Brookfield viscosity of at least 500 centipoise.